

Minutes

City of Carrollton

Mayor and Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 6, 2004
6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Complex
Court/Council Chambers
115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and City Council met in called session on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Gerald Byrd and Councilmember Rusty Gray. Members absent: None

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Byrd offered the invocation.

III. MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Balega to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of June 7, 2004. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Balega to approve the minutes of the called meeting on June 21, 2004. Motion passed 4-0.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Resolution 04-13 Historic Preservation Grant

Community Development Director Tracy Dunnavant informed the Mayor and Council that the City of Carrollton was awarded a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Grant from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$3,600 toward the completion of a Downtown Historic Preservation National Register Nomination. Community Development Director Dunnavant noted that as a condition of the grant, the City agreed to a cash match of \$1,400 as well as an additional \$1,000 for in-kind services. Community Development Director concluded that as part of the contract, the Mayor must execute said agreement on behalf of the City of Carrollton in order to move forward with the project.

Motion by Councilmember Byrd and seconded by Councilmember Balega to approve the resolution to execute an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for a matching grant for the development of a Downtown Carrollton National Register Nomination. Motion passed 4-0.

2. 2004 Millage Rate

Finance Director Jim Triplett informed the Mayor and Council that based on the five (5) year history of the levy for the City of Carrollton, the recommended millage rate for the City's maintenance and operations for 2004 is 4.92 mills, which represents a decrease of .25 mills or (4%) from the 2003 rate of 5.17 mills.

Motion by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Byrd to approve the 2004 Millage Rate at 4.92 mills, representing a decrease of .25 mills. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Bid Award: Construction Management Services

Request for Proposals were received for construction management services for the renovations to the Community Activities Building, Bonner Building, and Old City Gymnasium. Two (2) proposals were received as follows:

1. MWC Construction: Rate of **5.75%** of the Guaranteed Maximum Price
2. R.K. Redding Construction, Inc.: Rate of **6.75%** of the Guaranteed Maximum Price

Staff members were complimentary of R.K. Redding Construction, Inc.'s previous performance in City related projects, but noted that MWC Construction's bid included several additional services to the basic construction management and was the lower of the two (2) bids. Staff recommendation was to award the bid to the low bidder, MWC Construction.

Motion by Councilmember Balega and seconded by Councilmember Byrd to award the bid for Construction Management Services for renovations to the Community Activities Building, Bonner Building, and Old City Gymnasium to the low bidder, MWC Construction Company, at a rate of 5.75% of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). Motion passed 4-0.

4. Board Appointment: Carrollton Convention & Visitor's Bureau

Carrollton Convention & Visitor Bureau (CVB) Member Patricia Brown's appointment expired 06/30/04. Ms. Brown was appointed to a partial term on April 21, 2003 and serves as the Carrollton Hospitality Association designee for the CVB. The Hospitality Association has again nominated Ms. Brown for the Hospitality Association's designee to the CVB. Ms. Brown has expressed an interest in continuing to serve the City in this capacity if reappointed.

Motion by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember and seconded by Councilmember Byrd to reappoint Ms. Patricia Brown to an additional term on the Carrollton Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Barry Carroll Field

Recreation Director Wayne Gay received a request from the Carrollton Lions Club asking the field named for them ("Lions Field") be changed to "Barry Carroll Field". The "Lions Field" is the Jr. League Baseball Field located at Lake Shore Park. The Lions Club wants to recognize Barry for his dedication and service over the past 30 years. Recreation Director Gay requested formal approval be made by the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Byrd to approve a request from the Carrollton Lions Club to rename the "Lions Field" to "Barry Carroll Field" in order to recognize Mr. Carroll for his dedication and service over the past 30 years. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Mayor and Council Meeting Live Video Feed Update

City Manager Casey Coleman advised the Mayor and Council that contact has been made with Charter General Manager John Anglin and the State University of West Georgia (SUWGA) Television Station Manager Kevin Ward regarding the live video feed of Mayor and Council Meetings. Both parties are receptive to the video feed. City Manager Coleman noted that months ago, when the possibility of this endeavor was discussed, Mr. Anglin reported the cost of such a project would be approximately \$18,108, and that since that time, we have verbally negotiated this cost down to \$12,500. City Manager Coleman stated that the cost incurred by the City would be for a transmitter from the City Court/Council Chamber and fiber from that location to the SUWGA. City Manager Coleman noted that Mr. Anglin advised that this cost is for equipment only and Charter would incur cost for labor and installation and that the estimated time for installation could occur within 60 days, that is if railroad permits are issued in a timely manner.

City Manager Coleman reminded the Mayor and Council that Franchise Agreement negotiations are currently underway with Charter Communications and that many cities have incorporated projects such as this into their Franchise Agreements. City Manager Coleman stated that if we negotiated this project into our agreement there would be no expense incurred by the City.

Mayor Garner advised those in attendance that hopefully, by the next meeting, citizens will be able to access the City's website for live access to the meetings.

City Manager Coleman advised that his recommendation in the matter would be to postpone and include this project in the Franchise Agreement negotiations with Charter. However, he also advised that it is his understanding that it is the Council's desire to get this project underway. City Manager Coleman expressed that the direction needed at this point in time from the Mayor and Council would be whether to proceed with contracting with Charter to install the fiber for \$12,500 or to incorporate the project into our Franchise Agreement negotiations.

Motion by Councilmember Balega and seconded by Councilmember Gray to proceed with negotiations with Charter Communications for inclusion of Live Video Feed as part of the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications. Motion passed 4-0.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Garner and the Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to Deputy City Clerk Libby Duke for her assistance to Councilmembers who were involved in an automobile accident while in route to the Georgia Municipal Association Convention.

Mayor Garner expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Elect Mandy Maierhofer for her efforts in organizing the Women's Safety Awareness Classes. Mayor Garner also noted that the Police Department is working non-stop to resolve the recent assault case involving a Classy Cricket businesswoman.

Councilmember Elect Mandy Maierhofer noted that the Carrollton Police Department will continue to host Women's Safety Awareness Classes and that the next class would be held on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Safety Annex Training Room.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Victor Crowder expressed concern regarding the proposed West Carrollton Police Precinct. Councilmember Byrd noted that during his campaign in 2001, the chief complaints he received were crime and safety. Mayor Garner advised that a Police Precinct would create police presence and that the major function would not be to catch criminals, but to prevent crimes and protect citizens and should be recognized as a tool and not a weapon. Mr. Crowder inquired as to the name of the new precinct. Councilmember Byrd noted that we are open to suggestions.

Ms. Sara Byrd and Queentine Vallair, West Carrollton residents, expressed concerns regarding speeding at River Drive and possible gangs assembling in the area late at night and requested more police protection in the area. Councilmember Byrd advised them that he would pass this information along to Deputy Police Chief Joel Richards. Mayor Garner noted that we might consider a citywide curfew after 12:00 midnight .

Mr. Jonathon Ablard expressed concerns regarding traffic and drug problems in the Adamson Avenue and Knox Park neighborhood and requested community policing in the area. Mr. Ablard noted that he was told by City of Carrollton Staff that speed bumps could not be installed. Mayor Garner noted that the State of Georgia Department of Transportation would not approve a state contract for paving streets containing speed bumps. Mr. Ablard expressed his request to reduce the speed limit in the area from 35 to a speed limit similar to that on Dixie Street. Mayor Garner advised that staff would look into the situation.

Councilmember Gray noted that the City needs to do more to combat area drug problems. City Manager Coleman stated that the City has a plan in the works consisting of a special unit, which should take effect in a matter of days and would definitely be a change for the good.

Ms. Queentine Vallair inquired as to what the City is doing regarding mosquito spraying. City Manager Casey Coleman advised that we are currently working to formulate a policy and that mosquito spraying is being done on a request basis. Ms. Vallair inquired as to the City's status of picking up old tires. Mr. Coleman noted that if tires are at curbside, they would be picked up.

Carrollton Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Director Wayne Gay expressed appreciation for everyone involved with the Police and Fire Olympics held in Carrollton.

Mr. Victor Crowder inquired as to the status of the West Carrollton Park. City Manager Coleman advised that the City plans to move forward with the project very soon, possibly within the next few weeks.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Garner adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.